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**Deborah J. Saltzman Sworn In As  
Bankruptcy Judge for Central District**

SAN FRANCISCO — Los Angeles attorney Deborah J. Saltzman has received the oath of office to serve as a judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Her swearing-in ceremony was held March 18 in Los Angeles.

Judge Saltzman fills a judgeship vacant since the retirement of Bankruptcy Judge David Naugle in September 2008.

Judge Saltzman, 39, has practiced bankruptcy law for the last 10 years in the Los Angeles area. Prior to her appointment, she had been an associate with the law firm of DLA Piper in Los Angeles. She also has practiced at Hennigan Bennett & Dorman, LLP, from 2006 to 2008; at O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, from 2001 to 2005 and from 1996 to 2000; and at Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern, LLP, from 2000 to 2001.

A native of New York City, Judge Saltzman received her B.A. in history from Amherst College in 1991 (Phi Beta Kappa, 1990), and her J.D. from the University of Virginia, School of Law in 1996. While in law school, she was a semifinalist in the William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition and a winner of the Bracewell & Patterson First Year Oral Argument Award.

Actively involved in her community, Judge Saltzman has taught a continuing education program on bankruptcy and restructuring. She is a mentor to young people involved in the local chapter of the Young Storytellers Foundation. She was voted by attorney peers as a Southern California Rising Star for five consecutive years, 2004-2008.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California serves seven Southern California counties. The court is authorized 24 judges, which includes three authorized temporary judgeships. Central District bankruptcy filings spiked in 2009, totaling 108,647 cases, an increase of 56.6 percent from the prior year.

Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and for reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year, renewable term, at a salary of \$160,080.

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